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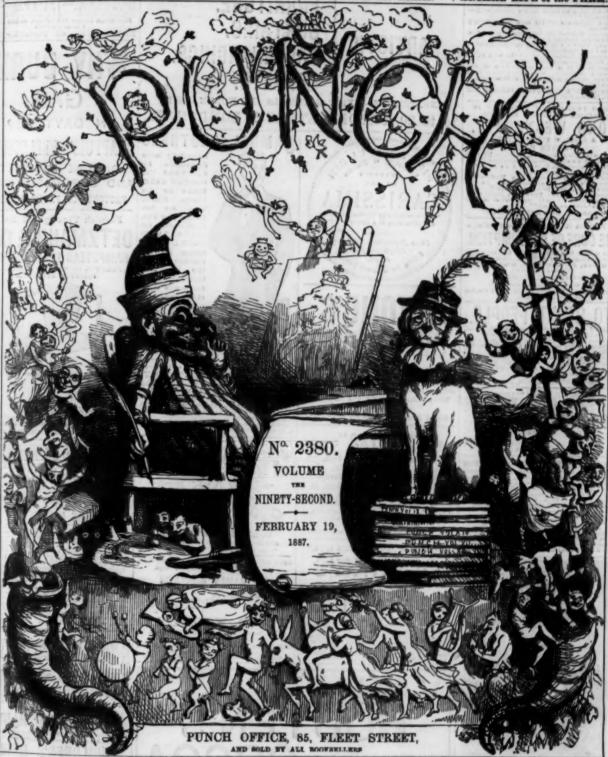
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A SONNET OF VALENTINES.

When February's lingering light reveals
The patient earth, still pallid with the weight
Of Winter's darkness, and the dazzling freight
Of snow, which Summer's wealth in trust upseals,

And heavenward turns th' unwary walker's heels, And lends to dauntless Infancy a straight And aggravating missile for the pate Of rusing stranger, who astonied feels

The concrete cloud upon his collar burst;— Now, when the birds make their engagements known, And early bass are on the thin winds blown,

There are who send—I can't tell why, I'm sure— To strangers, who have ne'er with them convers'd, Rude painted daubs of vilest portraiture.

HERE is an advertisement that might suit an ambitious conjurer out of place:

CAN any Clergyman RECOMMEND a thoroughly respectable useful Man as INDOOR SERVANT and GARDENER? Some knowledge of house decorating desirable; age about 25; Church of England; principal duties gardening and drawing bath chair; parlour-maid does indoor work while thus engaged; drass as indoor servant after one; no beer; no clothes; sond fide non-smoker.

Note the wonders of this mysterious household! There is an ubiquitous parlour-maid, who, while engaged in "gardening and drawing a bath chair" at the very same moment apparently "does indoor work." But no lesser marvel is expected of the applicant. He is to dress as an indoor servant after one, and yet he is to do it without any clothes. After this it seems immaterial that he should have some knowledge of house decorating and be a bond fide non-smoker. The advertiser had better apply direct to M. Verbeck.

Mr. Santley has been recently made a Knight of St. Gregory by Leo the Thirteenth. Why not have beatified him at once, on account of his being so Santley? He was in excellent voice when he sang in Spohle's great Oratorio, which, by the way, is a subject that does not lend itself to any Spohr-tive remarks.

"FAIR AND FORTY."—The Thieves in the Drury Lane Pantomime. But where's the "Fat" in this quotation? Oh, the two low comedians have got all that to themselves.

"A Breech of Promise"—The new twelve-and-a-half pounder for the Horse Artillery.

To Follow.-After " She,"-He.

A PROTEST FROM THE PEDESTAL.

THE adjourned meeting of the Public Thoroughfare Protection Association was held, after midnight, yesterday at Charing Cross, Lord Nelson, who descended from his column for the purpose, being again voted unanimously in the Chair. The assemblage which was rather select than large, was, however, well attended by Statues occupying various prominent sites in other parts of the Metropolis, and who, therefore, took a lively interest in the matter under discretization.

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On the hour of One sounding on the clock of the Westminster Palace, the Chairman rose. He said, he need not detain the meeting by dwelling on what had brought them together. They were met to protest against an intolerable nuisance ("*Hour." hear!") need he say he alluded to the utilisation, attempted and threatened, of the open space that surrounded them, for the purposes of public meeting. Though when a mob crowded the Square, he perched up on the top of his lofty pedestal, might personally consider himself out of it, still he could see what was going on at his feet, and he had frequently seen the base of his column invaded by a noisy rabble, who even clambered on to the backs of the four noble beasts who protected him. ("*Sheme!") It is true they had been disloted utilitately by the Police, but only after an unascently scuffle, that he considered degrading to him as a public monument. ("*Hear! hear!") He had on one memorable occasion reminded his fellow-countrymen how England expected every man to do his duty, and he would just throw the hint across to the Authorities at Socialan Yard opposite, by expressing a hope that, when the time should arrive, they would be found equal to the task of doing theirs. (*Cheera.) Speaking from his own experience, and in his forward position, he was able conveniently to note the passage of the fyehicular traffic; he could only say that on the last occasion, about a year ago, when the Square was invaded, it came to a dead stand-still. This was a diagrace. Besides, in the turmoil, the "finest site in Europe" to be stared at. (Laughter.) Instead of that, he only had a mob of angry ruffinas turning their backs on him. (Renesced laughter.) Honourable Statues might laugh, but he could tell them that to be placed on a pedstal by a grateful co

HAD it proved true that, as the P.M.G. informed the public, Sir CHARLES DILKE on coming into a legacy would have had to change his name to SNOOKE, then those persons who did not wish to speak to the ex-Member for Chelsea when encountering him in the street would have had the pleasure of "Cutting a Snooke" without any rude action.

There was scarcely room enough for the vast assemblage of Brethren who met to assist at the installation of Augustus Drunolanus. Whereupon the New Worshipful Master might have exclaimed, with a sigh, "O for a Lodge in some vast wilderness!" By the way, at the ceremony there was an Anglican Bishop present. Will this Episcopal Mason, in his apron, lay the foundations of a Charch Foress?

THE AMERICAN FISHERIES' DISPUTE.—What the Canadians say to the Americans,—"Pas sea Bait." Directly the bait is not used to catch votes, an amicable settlement will be arrived at—and the sconer the baiter.

IN REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES.



Poor Crystal Palace. "Beg Pardon, kind Gen'i'm, couldn't you spake a Triple for me, this Jurilee Tear? I've seen Better Days!"

PLEASE to remember the Crystal Palace! Only once in fifty years!

Am I alone to be out in the cold, gentle Sirs, as Her Majesty's Jubilee nears?

Everyone now is a-touting for everything, Church Houses, Institutes, Has no one a good word for me and my gardens, my fun and my fireworks, my fountains and flowers?

Am I to become as Extinct as my Animals? Pass, like my Mammoth and Ichthyosaurus?

Go, like the ghosts in my Courts and my Temples, vanish like Rameses, hook it like Horys?

Albert He Good and the year 'Fifty-One, the great Cosmopolitan era of Progress,

[edacious old Ogress?

Have they no spell, Sirs, to rescue me yet from Oblivion's maw, the Truly the Spirit of Paxrow might plead for me, say that the thought of my death is a scandal.

Would not Her Majesty—bless her!—object, for the sake of her Consort? And how about Hardel?

Oh! by the back hair of Manns, do be merciful! Oh! by the memory of Trutens, take pity!

All country cousins should plead in my favour, the guests of your great but grim-visaged old City



SNOB-SNUBBING.

Snookson (who has got "Gentleman" on the Brain, and thinks himself one). "A-HIM A GRATLEMAN, YOU KNOW.

Miss Sharp (who has a liking for Jones). "Don't you really? OH-BUT PERBAPS YOU ARE NOT A VERY GOOD JUDGE!"

Ought to support me, and Bobbies, and Foresters, Maters with children, and

Paters with pockets.

Ah, take the tips of the Nursery, too, Sirs, concerning my pantomimes, plumcakes, and rockets.

Sure of their suffrages, as of their shillings! Did ever a "bob" in the whole world's long history

Give so much music, and mirth, and amusement, as in my glass halls. Oh, it's really a mystery
How they've allowed me to get impecunious. Think of my Rose-Shows! And

what are you going
To do with your Shahs and your Emperors in future? For when I am gone
there 'll be nothing worth showing.
Say, must I pass like old Kublai-Khan's Pleasure-Dome—fade like the LookingGlass World of sweet Alice?
Nay, I am sure, from the Court to the Cot, all will aid a "whip-round" for
the poor Crystal Palace!

NEWS FROM AN OLD FRIEND,—"We are thinking of visiting Cannes," writes Mrs. Ram, "and, remembering her lamented Grandmother's tour, as recorded by Theodore Hook, she adds: "If we go so far, we shall go farther, and on to Rome. The Rome of the Roman Scissors does not interest me so much as the Roms of the Pops. I shall always regret not having been there in the time of the Economical Council. I should like to have seen the rejoicings when Pop Pro Nowo (so called because he always replied Non posthumous to everyone) pronounced himself Invaluable. I shall wait until the weather is quite settled, as I am very nervous, and I fear nothing so much as collusions in the Channel."

Beware!—A Morning Contemporary announces a novel variety of sweet things in tea-gowns. One is a dress of "cream brocade" opened from throat to feet over a "cream lace petticoat," secured above with "gold and cream white satin ribbon loops," and comprising "striped cream and gold gause sleeves." Another elegant article of apparel is "a creamy white plush jacket." We've seen some very sweet things in tea-and-cream gowns. But, take care! Marry one of these, and you'll be cream-mated alive!

BATTLE-CRY OF THE UNION.—" St. George for Merry Goschen!"

"NO ORDER!"

A Soliloguy in the Seat of Justice,

[Mr. School-Board Inspector has just been making application for an order for the committal of sundry poor women, for the crime of not assuring the regular attendance of their little ones at the Board School.]

Prison or fine? Poor souls? A Mother's weakness Brings a new Nemesis in our Christian day. But Law is Law; let Nature bow in meekness To an enlightened State's paternal sway.

And yet the still small voice of human kindness
Hide-bound legality cannot hush or quench;
Yet the heart tells cold Law that callous blindness
Is blind and callous—even on the Bench.

Here, where in fiesh and blood, want-pinched and pallid, Their smugly-settled problems take a guise, That makes the reasonings pedants find so valid Hollow as dream-world's spectral phantasies.

Poor flesh and blood! How apt they are to shatter The nestest formula of prig or prude,
The dogmatist's phrase-fortresses to batter,
And prove the bigot's schemings harsh and crude.

Educate! Educate! The cry rings round us; There's reason in the late-raised plea for light. But shouters shirk the problems that confound us, Hustling the uglier questions out of sight.

They'll not be hustled, they will not stay hidden; Harsh facts, complacent to no soft appeal, Jut forth in naked horror unforbidden, And the raw follies of rash haste reveal.

Educate! Educate! A popular chorus, Swelled both by voice of Sage and shrick of fool. But still unsolved the problem stands before us,— How justly to put Poverty to school.

Justly! Wills the wise world that Education
Shall to pinched women and pale children come
The happy herald of emancipation,
Light to the blind, and language to the dumb?

Or that to sordid alum and crowded hovel
As tyrant and tormentor it shall go;
Taskmaster at whose threatenings they must grovel,
Armed with a goad to aggravate their woe?

No querulous questionings these of dull reaction— No peevish promptings of sectarian spite! Harsh facts inspire them, not the heat of faction; Shall justice not make answer in their light?

One six-year-old pale shoeless poor defaulter Shrinks from a chilling six-mile daily trudge, Daring with rigid School-Board law to palter, From fear of frozen feet and soaking sludge!

Bad case of course! Prompt prison for the mother. Of so mature a truant seems so fit! Impatient at the Inspector's pompous pother? Nay, halting Rhadamanthus, wait a bit.

Deserted by her husband, left to labour,
For three small children, helpless and alone,
Toil for sole friend, famine for nearest neighbour,
Another erring mother makes her moan.

Sally, age twelve, the eldest child, and skilful At baby-tending, kept from school to keep The tinier bairns from mischief. Wrong so wilful Will surely make the School-Board Draco weep.

Mothers must toil, leave home intent on forage,
Like parent-birds from an untended nest.
But cheek compassion's promptings; these encourage
All sorts of ills, home-love amongst the rest.

Committal asked for! Mothers thus neglectful Of the Three R.'s for the more sake of food
Must learn, from fine or cell, to be respectful
To Law which loves—and starves—their hungry broad.

Another? Ah, these Mothers! They embarrass Cut-and-dried schemes confoundedly. And yet These poor maternal hearts to hunt and harass Is work at which the Public's prone to fret.

Her boy played truant whilst at tub or treadle
She worked to feed, clothe, school him; 'twas her task.
Here's a sweet moral mane wherewith to meddle. Mr. Inspector, what is it you ask?

Committal for the woman, or consignment Of truant Jack to an Industrial School? Faugh! Cruel kindness in its last refinement! At least, she feels it so, poor tender fool.

Pleads that such places prove too oft a training
For thieves and convicts,—which one can't deny;
Dares to declare, her eyes with hot tears raining,
She'd rather sell up her poor home, and fly.

Committal? Nay, my smug, well-fed official.
To make the pedagogic staff a flail
For Poverty's pinched limbs may seem judicial
To souls cold-set to legal line and scale.

But widow-harrying and child-hunting sicken The hearts of men, on whatsoever plea;
The Law must find some gentler way to quicken
The brain-life of these thralls of penury.

Make Education one more scourge to chasten, And one more petty tyrant to oppress One more sharp goad among the rest to hasten Poverty's graveward ereep through labour's stress?

Nay, Sir. "No Order!" Law must shape and fashion Some way to teach, and not torment. Till then
The rule of right, the promptings of compassion,
Dispute her empire o'er the hearts of men.

STUDIES FROM MR. PUNCH'S STUDIO.

No. XVII.-THE PROFESSOR OF ELOCUTION.

It is more than arguable whether DEMOSTHENES might not have made himself an even finer orator than he undoubtedly became, if,

instead of wasting time in declaiming to the ocean with his mouth full of shingle, or running up-hill repeating select passages of poetry, he had laid out a few minus in private tuition with some practical rhetorician of the period.

Indeed, PLUTARCH implies that he Indeed, FLOTARICH implies that he did actually adopt so obviously prudent a course, and he would scarcely have acquired his reputation by unassisted effort; but, without pronouncing any opinion upon a point of some obscurity, we should feel sincerely thankful that we live

in an age when every man may be endowed with as much eloquence as he re-quires in a series of profes-sional lessons on moderate

The philanthropist who accomplishes this, and alters his client into an orator in a miraculously brief space of time, does not style himself

a neoromancer, but, with a modesty which is almost excessive, is content to be known as an "Elocution Professor." He is big and bland, with a booming voice, which he has under admirable control. Long interbooming voice, which he has under admirable control. Long inter-course with Curates has imparted an ecclesiastical tone to his conversation, though he will undertake, with equal readiness, to prepare candidates for the Church, the Bar, Parliament, or the Stage.

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Of course a pupil should be explicit concerning the particular carser he intends to adopt, otherwise there might be a danger of his importing into his pulpit the blandishments of the Common Law Bar, addressing a British Jury as his "dear Brethren," or intoning the parts of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.

Let us suppose, reader, that you require preparation for some more temporary purpose than a profession.

You have to go before the Radical Three Hundred of the Mid-Hecklingham District, and you want to learn to speak up; or you are asked to a public function, in which you have reason to believe that some appropriate remarks will be expected from you, while you are too conscious that, even if you could contrive to manufacture a few coherent commonplaces, you cannot undertake to deliver them beyond a certain radius without breakage.

So you naturally rush to that convenient vehicle for all modern incompetents, the "coach." The Professor's mode of reception will remind you equally of consultations with your solicitor and your physician: he listens gravely to your needs, and makes a rapid iagnosis of your case

diagnosis of your case.

Perhaps, after hearing you read a passage from the police-reports, he informs you that your accent is affected by a provincial bur, which he has no doubt of being able to extract eventually; or it may be that early privation has led you to adopt a rigid economy, which still causes you to deny yourself indulgence in an occasional aspirate, and he has an infallible system for curing any deficiencies of this kind. So he invites you to follow him to his Class-Room, a room with blank walls, and furnished with a black-board on an easel, and a long table laid out with volumes of exercises for elocutionists.

Here his first act is to test the compass of your voice, which he does by retiring to some station near the top of the house, and requesting you to remain where you are, and shout your sentiment on things in general. A leaflet which some benevolent person in the street has lately bestowed on you, will provide you with the requisite ideas. You declaim your tract till you are hoarse, and in ten minutes your instructor returns with the information that he did not catch your observations distinctly until he had actually turned

not catch your observations distinctly until he had actually turned the door-handle. A little practice, however, reveals that you are the possessor of a latent bellow which, with a moderate amount of effort,

possessor of a latent bellow which, with a moderate amount of effort, can be successfully produced.

But to shine in oratory, more than this is needed. You must work hard at acquiring the suances, the inflections proper to all the varying moods, so, under your instructor's superintendence, you invoke ruin on a ruthless King with the fire of inspiration; lament, with only the suspicion of a sneer, that you are "no orator as BEUTUS is," and throw a note of infinite tenderness into your recollections of the last occasion on which you saw the Queen of FRANCE.

You may not feel immediately at home with these new acquirements, especially in the ordinary affairs of life. The Mark Antony sneer may cost you a couple of dear friends, and the note of infinite tenderness will assert itself unbidden when you are asking your fishmonger the price of a pair of soles, or requesting to be furnished with a second-class return-ticket to Gower Street.

Still, you are really advancing, and you go on until you only need

Still, you are really advancing, and you go on until you only need the finishing touches of a speaker—the readiness and fluency, which can be gained by practice alone.

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This practice your Professor supplies. He outlines speeches on the black-board, and you fill them up from your own internal resources; he attacks your policy in bitter invective, and you make as withering a reply as you can command at short notice; he propose your health in flattering terms, and you rise to acknowledge the compliment; he presents you with one of the pewter inkstands on the table, and you express the emotion and gratitude that fill your breast; then you present the inkstand to him, with an eloquent panegyric, and he "finds it impossible to convey to you any adequate idea of the degree to which he is affected by a testimonial so splendid, so unexpected, and by eulogies so out of proportion to his meagemerits." After a few exercises of this kind, you feel impatient for an opportunity of exhibiting your new accomplishment, and reheave with enthusiasm, the little impromptu speech which you foresee will shortly be required of you, but which no longer fills your breast with terror.

Your Elocution Professor teaches you a useful exordium, which probably begins: "My Lord Soamso, Gentlemen,—No one here could have entered the Hall this evening with less expectation of being called upon for a speech than the humble individual who now addresses you. But, at the risk of seeming tedious, I venture, however unworthily, to crave your kind indulgence for the few crude and ill-digested reflections which have been suggested to me by the very able and eloquent address of the practised speaker who has just resumed his seat, and whom I regret, for some reasons, that I shall have to follow."

With this opening committed to regreeve and elevering injures in

With this opening committed to memory, and glycerine jujubes in a pocket where you can get at them, you go to your meeting or your public dinner with a calm conviction that you are not unlikely to

distinguish yourself.

You will deliver your exordium with a few inevitable excisions and alterations due to circumstances and quite natural agitation, but upon the whole the passages which are variations of the original text are positive improvements upon it, as will appear from the following shorthand note:

"Gentlemen, and my Lord Soawso.—No one could have entered this Hall with less expectations than I did. I must, however, craw your crude and ill-digested indulgence for the very able and eloquent address which I have practised for this evening, though I have to follow the humble individual who, at the risk of seeming tedious, and however unworthly here. and however unworthily, has, I regret for some reasons, just resumed his remarks." And when you sit down at the close of your oratios, flushed with triumph and deafened by applause, do not forget that you are indebted for some little portion of your success to the untiring devotion of your Professor of Elecution.

VAN DYCK'S VISITORS.

SCHEE-The Grosvenor Gallery. Any Time.

Elderly Methodical Person (who, on entering by the glass-doors, naturally concludes that the first room in which he finds himself must be No. 1,—to his companion a lady of contented disposition). Now our best way is to begin at the beginning, and go right through to the end.

to the end.

[Looks round smilingly on some other people, as if triumphantly challenging them to suggest a better plan than this, and, if they can't, tacitly permitting them to adopt it themselves.

Contented Lady. Yes, that will be quite the best way. (Looks at a picture, which, from its position, she imagines is No. 1 in the Catalogue.) Now, what's this?

Methodical Person. "No. I. Portrait of Sir Anthony Van Dyck." Contented Lady. Really! But there are so many figures in it—Methodical Person (annoyed). My dear, why don't you tell me the number? this is 125. Scriptural subject. (Justly irritated.) Now where on earth's Number One?

[Sees that his schole plan of compagion is unset by the Groscenor

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where on earth's Number One?

[Sees that his whole plan of campaign is upset by the Grosvenor Gallery arrangement.

Contented Lady. We had better go round till we find it.

Methodical Person (thoroughly roused). What! And then begin after we've seen everything? Ridiculous waste of time.

[Exeunt into fourth room discussing the best way of finding No. 1.

Rather deaf Old Gentleman (who has given his wife the Catalogue, and is standing before No. 124). I should like to know who this is?

Old Lady with Catalogue (reads the one line exactly opposite the number, and then says). It's a portrait of Sir Peren.

Rather deaf Old Gentleman (slightly astonished). St. Peter! (Then testily, as the improbability breaks upon him.) But he's wearing the order of the Golden Fleece,—(feeling still more convinced that it can't be St. Peter),—and he's in a sort of Charles the First dress.

Rather deaf Old Lady (without referring again to Catalogue, but examining portrait). Well, it says so!

Rather deaf Old Gentleman (thinking how silly she is becoming—with decision). Give me the Catalogue! (Snatches it from her, reads—then, in a tone of withering contempt,—as much as to say, "You stupud old idule! Why, you read only half of it, and that you can't read correctly.") It's not St. Peter, it's Sir Peter Paul Rubens!

[Points emphatically to name in Catalogue as he returns it to her. Old Lady (rather more deaf than ever). Yes. I said so. (Calmiy examines picture.) Very fine.

[Exit Old Gentleman huffly to buy a Catalogue for himself.

[Exit Old Gentleman hufflly to buy a Catalogue for himself. Impassioned Young Gentleman (seated close to Young Lady, who is looking down while he is addressing her most earnestly in a low tone). I assure you that if, &c., &c., &c. Do try to, &c., &c., &c. before they come back.

Demure Young Lady (looking up). Don't you think we'd better,

Impassioned Young Gentleman (briskly). I'll see where they are. (Jumps up and hurries to door, returns radiantly). It's all right. Your Aunt's explaining something to them, and they're not a quarter round the room yet.

[Takes up his former position, only a little closer, and resumes in low tone—of course all about the pictures.

Enthusiastic Lady with Eye-glass. Oh! who's that dear little ild? Do see, No. 74.

Enthusiastic Lady with Eye-glass. Oh! who's that dear little child? Do see, No. 74.

Lazy Gentleman (evidently bored by enthusiasm,—refers negligently to Catalogue). That — (sees at a glance, and says in a tone which implies familiarity with the subject)—oh, that's a young Carnarvon (at if he were some species of animal).

Enthusiastic Lady. Is it! (Suddenly grasping the idea.) What!—an ancestor of the present Lord Carnarvon?

Lazy Gentleman (tired of the subject). B'pose so.

[Sits down, stretches his legs, yavens, and wishes he hadn't let himself in for this sort of thing by an injudicious offer.

Fashionable Lady (leasing back in chair opposite Nos., 6, 7, 8, 9, languidly). Who's the man? I've seen him before somewhere. Aristocratic Elderly Gentleman (most correctly dressed and with a critical air). Eh? Yes—there's no name to it—lent by MUNDELLA. Fashionable Lady (exincing a languid interest). Ah—I'm sure I've seen him before. I've got such an excellent memory for faces.

Learned and Artistic Amateur (standing with his head rather on one side, like a raven, and his hands clasped in front of him). What character! What tone! What finish! See how the colours have lasted! We haven't got such pigments now as the old fellows had two hundred years ago.

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Lady Amateur. Two hundred! but that dress is of the time of ELIZABETH. In fact it is Queen ELIZABETH, isn't it?

Learned and Artistic One (glancing at Catalogue). No—I don't

Lady Amateur. It's quite different to the dress above-a later period.

Learned and Artistic One. Ah—yes—very probably. It's the same lady; only—(hits on happy thought)—up above she's in her dinner-dress, and below, No. 6, she's in walking dress.

Another Superior Person (examining it closely). Yes; the one above is in Van Duck's later style.

Amateur Lady. Ah, very likely. But (still unconvinced) the dress is Elizabethan.

First of Two Young Ladies (coming up with Two Young Gentlemen).
Oh, yes; that's exactly what we were arguing about. Did VAN
DYCK live in RLIZABETH'S time?

DYCK live in KLIZABETH'S time?

Second. We haven't got a Catalogue.

Amateur Lady (turning to Superior Person, who has pretended to be deeply engaged in scrutinising a picture). Here's the gentleman to tell us. He's an authority on everything literary and historical.

Young Ladies. Oh, yes; do! We've got a bet on it. (Young Gentlemen smile and nod fatuously.) Didn't VAN DYCK live in KLIZABETH'S time?

ELIZABETH's time?

Superior Person. Well.—(Smiles knowingly, but wishes he had employed the last few seconds in reading about Van Dyck in the Catalogue)—Well—

First Young Lady (impulsively). What was his date?

Superior Person (skilfully evading the question). Well—he couldn't exactly have lived in ELIZABETH'S reign—(feels on safe ground now)—because he was always painting CHARLES THE FIRST.

All. Oh, of course! [Bets arranged, and party moves on. First Young Lady. Oh, yes. And—(suddenly)—hare's the Charles Family.

Family.

Second Young Lady. Who's the baby?

[All turn for correct information towards Superior Person.

Superior Person (blandly and cautiously). What is the question?

First Young Lady (pointing at seated figure of King Charles).

Well, there's CHARLES THE FIRST.

Weil, there's CHARLES THE FIRST
First Young Man (coming out of his shell, and pointing to Boy in
the picture). And there's CHARLES THE SECOND.
First Young Lady (rebuking him). Not at that age. He wasn't
CHARLES THE SECOND then.
Second Young Lady. And that's the Queen, or the Nurse? Who
was the Queen?
First Young Lady (installe). I know Many Transact

was the Queen?

First Young Lady (joyfully). I know—Maria Theresa.

(Turns for corroboration to Superior Person.

Superior Person (magisterially). Let me see—what is the number?
(Pretends to be short-sighted while referring to Catalogus. Pause.

Wonders whether it was Maria Theresa or not. Is about to decide in favour of the supposition, when he hits upon the right name in the Catalogue.) Did you ask me what was the Queen's name? (They nod.) Of course Charles the First's Queen was Herrietta

MARIA.

All (in chorus). Oh, of course! how stupid!

Second Young Lady. But who's the baby?—There's Charles the

First, Charles the Second—

The other Young Man (who hasn't yet spoken—with sudden inspiration). Charles the Third!

All (unanimously). Why, there was no Charles the Third!

First Young Man (sagely). P'raps the baby's a girl.

Second Young Lady. Oh, but had Charles the Second any
sisters? sisters?

[Turns to refer to Superior Person who, however, has quietly

sisters?

[Turns to refer to Superior Person who, however, has quietly retired.

Artistic Person (with long hair and very bad hat, throwing himself back as he admires No. 11, labelled, "Marquis Cattaneo of Genoa"). Thoroughly Italian about the jaw. Quite an Italian type!

[Wishes every picture were labelled.

Contented Lady (delighted, to Methodical Person, who, after going into all the other rooms and looking at most of the pictures as they caught his attention, is still grumbling at not having been able to carry out his plan). Oh! Here's Number One!

Methodical Person (still labouring under a sense of cruel personal injury). Ah! (grumbling.) At last! (Examines the number to see if he isn't being deceived.) Yes. Number One. Now, we've been here very nearly an hour! (Appeals to Contented Lady, as if she were not entirely free from all blame in the matter, but addressing visitors and authorities generally.) Why on earth do they put Number One in the last room, instead of at the entrance?

Jocose Acquaintance (overhearing as he comes up). Because they like taking care of Number One. (Pleasantly.) How are you?

Methodical Person (unbending). Ah, how d'ye do?

[Recommences all his grievance to Jocose Acquaintance, who begins to wish he had kept his witticism to himself.

Demure Young Lady (suddenly, as the Young Gentleman is bending down and whispering earnestly). Oh—(sees her party returning and rises quickly, then, with remarkable sangfroid)—Oh, Auntie dear! aren't the pictures lovely! Mr. Spooner's presence). Very kind of him, I'm sure. Hennerta, we must go now—it's getting rather late.

[Exit with Henrietta: and, for Spooner, the Scene closes.



THINGS ONE WOULD RATHER HAVE LEFT UNSAID.

Major Le Mushant, "How charming !--a-so delightfully played !--a-such a lovely Composition !--a-I only heard the last yew Bars--a-but it was quite enough!"

TURNING THE TABLES.

Lord Chancellor lequitur :-

Om, come, my dear PEEL, this is getting too dreadful!

Not yet through that farce which you dub "the Address"?
On twaddle and trash all these nights you have fed full,
And still you are stuck in the midst of the mess.
An awful example your practice affords
To those you are apt to pooh-pooh—us poor Lerds!

Dear! dear! Half the bores in your Chamber have blathered, And still you're "no forrader." Tell me, my friend, One sparklet of wisdom or wit have you gathered, Or east any light on one politic end? That yawn is an answer. I'm sure you have not. I should say—if big-wigs might talk slang—it's all rot.

True, RANDOLPH has tipped you his two explanations, And GRAHAM cut many a music-hall joke; But, cugh! what Saharas are Howorth's orations! Your CONYBEARES, too, are the feeblest of folk. In fact the whole thing is a hideous waste, As empty of sense as deficient in taste.

You call us obstructive! Look here! here's a bundle
Of Bills us have passed in our few odd half-hours.
'Twould cheer you to see how serenely we trundle
Through clause after clause. There no Irishman lours,
No popinjay proces, no dunderhead "blocks."
And so your delay our celerity mocks!

Too bad, my dear PREL! If your House doesn't quicken, And quash its obstructives and muzzle its beres, The Public of yes, I assure you, will sicken. Hs! hs! "Tis the Peer at this moment who scores. When the Publis find out that your game's all my eye, "Abolish the Commons!" won't be a bad ery. Hoho! If it goes on like this, who'll defend them?
We've found a tu-quoque for Morley, my boy
"The Commons are shams; we must mend them or end them."
Hehe! That's a phrase he is bound to enjoy.
One Chamber sufficient? Perhaps that is true;
But, if you don't watch it, that one won't be you.

CONSIDERATION FOR A QUANTITY.—It appears that in the Italian version of SHAMSFEARE'S Othello, the heroine's name, which in England we pronounce Desdemons,—associating it, phonetically with "moaner," on account of her "Willow, Willow" song, so very like a wail—is pronounced "Desdemons," Now that "Desdemons" was innocent we are sure; but "Desdemons" might be found guilty of everything, for the very deuce is in the name.

THE M.P.'S ASPIRATION.

" The idle Singer of an M.P. day,"

OH, let no sudden "Cry"
Deprive me of my seat,
Before the SPEAKER's eye
Has brought me to my feet!
Then let come what come may,
What matter if he go mad,
I shall have had my say.

Let the long Session endure
Till pair on pair be sorted,
So I can make quite sure
Of being once reported.
Then let come what come may,
Home-Ruler, Tory, Rad.
I shall have had my say.

On hearing of Lord Gerrond's bequest of £80,000 for endowing the study of Natural Theology, the P. M. G. invoked "the Shade of Paler!" What a pale ghost this would be! the mere ghost of a ghost.

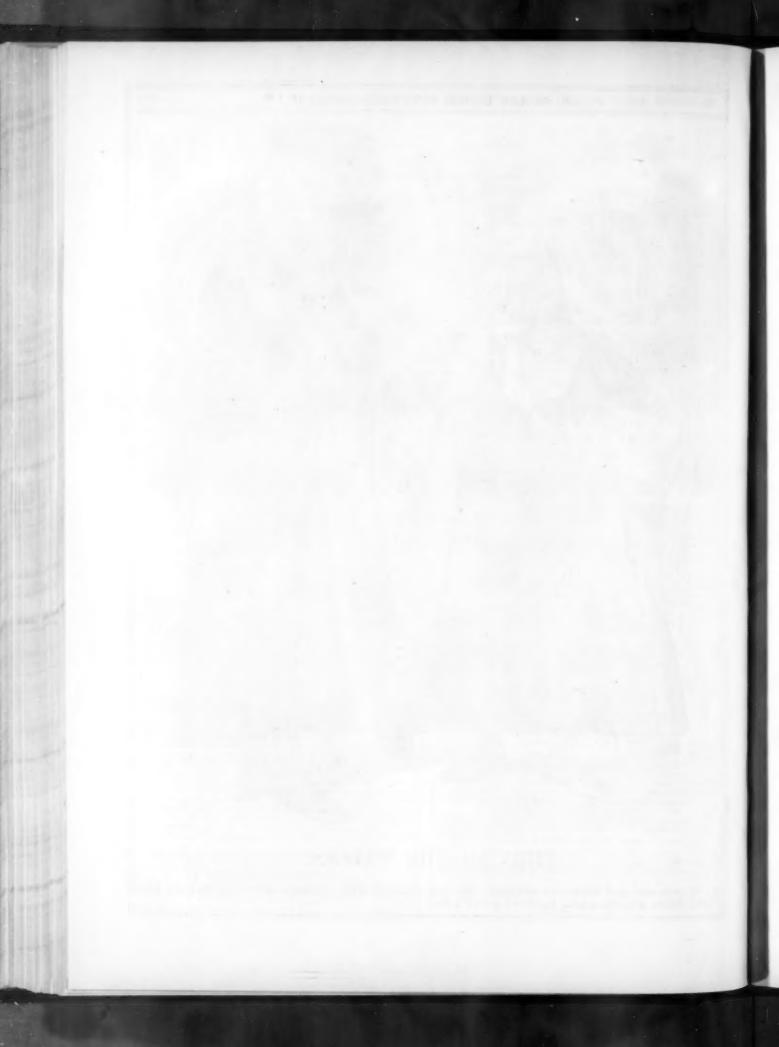
THERE are so many big memorials of small people in Westminster Abbey, that it should be called the Home of the Mitey Dead.

WHERE VERDI'S NEW OPERA OUGHT TO BE PERFORMED IN LON-DOW.—The Grand 'Otello.



TURNING THE TABLES.

LORD CHANCELLOR, "WHAT, MR. SPEAKER!-NOT GOT THROUGH THE 'ADDRESS' YET!! WHY, TALK OF ABOLISHING US,-WE SHALL HAVE TO ABOLISH YOU!!!"



DUNRAVEN.

"I resigned on financial and general grounds,"—Lord Dunraven's Letter to Sir Henry Holland. Perplexed Premier loquitur :-



ONCE upon a midday dreary, while I pon-dered weak and weary

ver many a Blue Book dull, tome diplomatie

While I nodded nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping

As of some one sharply rapping, rapping at my office-door.

"'Tis some dip-lomat," I mut-tered, "tapping at my office-door."

Only that, and nothing more.

Open then I flung the doorway, when, with blast like one from

Open then I hung
Norway,
In there bustled brisk DUNRAVEN, whom I'd often seen before.
Not the least obeisance made he; for no greeting stopped or stayed he,
But with solemn mien and shady, perched above my office-door.
On a bust of RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, just above my office-door—
Perched and sat, and nothing more.

Perched and sat, and nothing more.

Then this pompous bird beguiling my tired fancy into smiling, By the proud pragmatic aspect of the countenance it wore, "What's your little game, DUNRAVEN? Surely you have not turned

craven. "Back of late to a home-haven fresh from many a foreign shore—
"Say if travelling your small game is, are you off to some far shore?"
Quoth Duwraven, "Nevermore!"

Startled at the stillness broken by reply so aptly spoken, "Doubtless," said I, "what it utters is its parrot stock and store "Caught from Woodcock, its pet master, who so sold me. S disaster

"Follows fast and follows faster. Well, it is a beastly bore.

"But I'll tune my harp to Hope, stout Harrington, at least, is sure;

He will leave me—Nevermore."

But DUNHAVEN still sat smiling in a manner rather riling; So I wheeled my office-chair in front of bird, and bust and door, And upon its cushion sinking straight I tackled him like winking, And I cried, "What are you thinking, croaking, croaking, as of

yore?
What the dickens do you, ghastly gloomy and funereal bore.
Mean by crosking 'Nevermore!''

"Prophet," said I, "of things evil!—this will play the very devil With the Union of the Unionists—a thing we both adore, Tell me are you too afraid, in view of an Exchequer laden? Can't you see Retrenehment's Aidenn, won't be reached till scares

are o'er Then we'll seek that distant Aidenn, then together seek its shore,"-Quoth DUNGAVEN, "Nevermore!"

"Be that word our sign of parting, bird or fiend!" I cried,

"Hook it with the wanton Woodcock to Algiers, to Afric's shore.

Make no speeches as a token that our party ties are broken.

Twice already Woodcock's spoken,—don't you burst into a roar,—
Take your hook, if you must go, but spare us on the House's floor."

Quoth Dynayaw, "Nevermore!"

And DUNRAVEN, spite his flitting, still seems sitting, still seems

On that plaster bust of Churchill, just above my office-door;
And his eyes seem ever dreaming, economic juggles scheming,
And the light within me gleaming in the good old days of yore,
Ereyoung RANDOLPH came or STAPFF went—brave beacon-light of yore,
Shall be lifted—Nevermore!

A STOREY OF A HOUSE.

Mr. Joseph Harron's new Novel The Old House at Sandwich—but stay—we will present a sample of the introduction, to our customers, which, if not a fac-simile, is the best we can produce from memory.

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PART I. CHAPTER I.—" Inquire Within."

I am giving my tradesmen in London a little holiday, and for this reason I am lounging about a remarkably quiet corner of pastoral Kent, the old-fashioned port of Sandwich. The climate is most appetising and drinkitising, the name being so suggestive of ham, beef, bread, and fine old crusted. Having deposited my bog at the ancient Inn, I am wandering about the old town. I must not wander too much or I shall never get to my story. I am considering where I am likely to find some one in this out-of-the-way spot who will stand me a dinner. As a rule a Sandwich man is always well provided, as no matter where he lodges he carries his board about with him. But there are no Sandwich men about to-day. I see a notice up, "This House to Let." Evidently no dinner there.

In a shaded corner of a gardon I see a middle-aged man trimming a grass-plot. Strange that this grass-plot should suggest another plot as I lean over the railings and affalby bid him "good day," and then going through the gate, I add, like Paul Pry, "I hope I don't intrude."

"Hoe, no!" he says, laying aside this garden implement. He tells me he is not a gardener, whereupon I reply that I am sure he is a man of great cultivation. This is safe, after what I've seen of him among his flowers and vegetables, with his hoe, rake and spade. He has been cutting capers to warm himself, and gathering salad, evidently for dinner. I show considerable interest in Sandwich: I sak questions about places to let. He tells me that he is the Vicar, and having nothing to do, he is in the garden taking his "otium cum dig." It is many years since I heard this joke, and I welcome it with much laughter. The Vicar likes appreciation, and tells me that there is no one now left in Sandwich who will cither listen to his sermons or laugh at his jokes.

"I shall not preach to you," he says, "as it is not Sunday;" but like the genial philesopher he is, he asks me to hea

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THE next day I call on the old Vicar. He is not up to anything, except anuff, to-day. I too have a headache, but I will wait till hel is down, to know whether he asked me to dinner to-night or not. He did, the genial old philosopher, and here I am. We dine again. He remarks that my not remembering the dinner invitation, shows I must be a Scotohman, as my motto evidently is "dinna forget." Dear old-world, ancient, and well-known joke! Once more I laugh consumedly, and drink to its long life and prosperity in a bumper of the fine old Madeira—"not Port of Sandwich," says my host, (whereat I have convulsions of risibility and more Madeira) and then we adjourn to whiskey and churchwardens. It will not do to impose on his hospitality too long. I intimate that I want to know all about the "House to Let," and that I wish to change a small cheque with my own signature to it for ten pounds. He produces an old-world leather purse. He is fond of collecting curiosities and rarities of all sorts. Well the rarest gem in all his collection will be—my cheque.

It is many years since my holiday visit to that corner of Kent.

[Here the story really begins, and we will not anticipate the reader's] pleasure by giving any clue as to Mr. Joseph Hatton's well-told story of The Old House at Sandswich. Order it at Mudia's, or get it at Sampson Low & Co's, and read it with delight.]



"WHOLESALE."

Scot (to Fellow-Traveller on Northern Railway), "MAY AH AUSK WHAT LINE YE'RE EN !".
Our Artist (who had undergone a wide cross-examination with complaisance). "WELL-I'M-I'M A PAINTER."

Sect. "Man, that's lucky! An dral i Pents-an' an can sall ye White Leed yaur geraper than ye can buy't at ONY O' THE SHOAPS.

Artist. "On, BUT I USE VERY LITTLE. A POUND OR SO SERVES ME OVER A YEAR." Scot. "E-H. MAN! YE MAUN BE IN A VERA SMA' WAY O' BERSENEAS!!"

NO DANGER.

THE recent War-scare having caused some anxiety, it is satisfactory to learn that the Franco-German "preparations" have peaceful explanations, as the following table amply proves:—

Warlike Preparation. No Horse allowed to leave frontier Great scarcity of cat's-meat.

of France.

Ditto-Germany.

Ditto-Germany.

Ultimatum from France to Ger- To prevent war.

many. Ditte-Germany to France.

Horses required for bathing-machines at German watering-

Praceful Explanation.

places.

Purchase of 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition in France.

Ditto—Germany.

All Officers refused leave in France.

Ditto—Germany.

To prevent eash-squandering in

Purchase of 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition in France.

Ditto—Germany.

All Officers refused leave in France.
Ditto—Germany.

Acquisition of 20 Iron-clads by France.
Ditto—Germany.

To prevent eash-squandering in foreign parts.
Intended for use as penny river steamboats.
To be floated at Berlin, and used as barracks by the Shoeblack Brigade.

Mobilisation of the entire French Army.

Army.

Ditto—German Army.

Issue of a Loan for 100 Millions in France.

To see that none are missing.

To be spent in renswing roads in the Bois de Boulogne.

To pay for new trees for Unter den Linden.

To insure an honourable and lasting peace.

RIDDLE'S DICTIONARY.

Dear Mr. Punch,

I Made up these two riddles last April, and I have determined to have them published. The fellows think them awfully good. You may wish to know why I made them up. I was making some mountains with a candle on the big map, when young Jones came bothering, so I didn't notice that I was burning a hole in the middle of Russia. Old Buzzer not only made me pay for a new map, but I had to clean the Steppes of Tartary as well, which certainly were in a beastly mess from the smoke of the candle, so I had to give young Jenes a licking, and anyhow I owed him one from last term. I remain Yours never-having-done-anything-since-erely, Joseph Mercator Miller. (Mi.)

P.S.—I have forgotten to send the riddles. Perhaps I had better put in the answers, as the fellows say they are very hard.

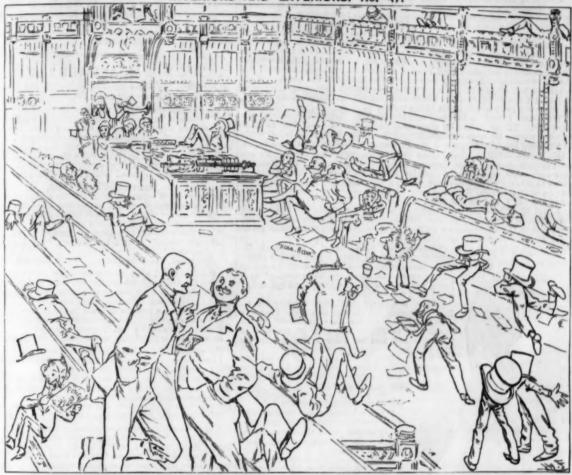
(a) What is the difference between a Baronet making butter, and map on fire?—One is a churning Bart., and the other is a burning

chart.
(β) What is the difference between a White Witch and a fire in a map-room?—One charms warts, and the other warms charts. I will send you some more when I have made them up.-J. M. M.

Replies to Mr. Partington. "ART Schools in Manchester!" says RUSKIN. "Pooh! Just buy my books, and read 'em. That'll do!" "Why this complaining?" says Sir Everer, Bart. "Study Punck pictures,—they will teach you Art."

COMEDY THEATRE.—First night of Jan was Fourteenth of "Feb."

INTERIORS AND EXTERIORS. No. 47.



HOUSE OF COMMONS DURING THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS. MR. NOBODY WASTING TIME. Sketch by Our Sleepy Artist.

ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

RITRACTED FROM

THE DIARY OF TOBY, M.P.

House of Commons, Monday, February 7.—"As for cooing you gently," Colonel SAUNDERSON, said just now, as he gazed with softened glance upon PARNELL, "a sucking dove is a perfect screechowl to him."

Strange indeed, the tone and attitude of the Irish Leader, especially for those who remember his earliest appearances. He and Joseph Bisgar worked together then, now some ten years ago. Sat below the Gangway in close companionship. Joseph used to pair out on Blue Books; Parnkill depended on his own store of invective which was illimitable. A sight to make the Spraker shudder to see Parnkill depended on his own store of invective which was illimitable. A sight to make the Spraker shudder to see Parnkill depended on his own store of invective which was illimitable. A sight to make the Spraker shudder to see Parnkill with hands elenched, teeth set, hissing forth his hatred of the Saxon, whilst Joseph Gills, sitting near him, watched the effect with broadening grin. Joey B. is now a staid Parliamentary man, with a high manner, based upon close observation of Gladstone, Bright, and David Plunker. And this is Parnkill—occasionally almost maudible by reason of excessive gentleness, conspicuous for his deference to the Chair, and remarkable for his courtesy to opponents. In these days of grace, refrains even from startling nervous Members by personal transformation scenes. Once, when obstruction was attis height, and all-night sittings had become monotonous, Parning with the crown of his head shaved; sometimes his hair hung low over his coat-collar, the next night it was cropped close. He had, moreover, a suit of muddy yellow hue with which, when the Chief Secretary did not prove amenable, he was wont to sear the eyeballs

of the House. All these things put away now, and here we have the smoothest spoken man that ever bearded the SPEAKER, or bullied a

Minister.
Only once to-night did Parnell return to older manner. This was when he observed, "I should like to ask the Government why Mr. John Devine's skull was cracked?"
A solemn pause followed the propounding of this conundrum. Higher Brach, who had just arrived from Ireland, silently protested against things being put in this way. W. H. Smith moved uneasily in place of Leader; Henry Matthews, pretended to be asleep; and Baron de Worms putting on his hat walked out behind the Speaken's Chair, winking at Right Hon. Gentleman, as who should say, "The Board of Trade has nothing to do with this."
Pity Parenell momentarily lost his temper here. House of terrified and cowed that no answer was forthcoming, and darkness and night still broods over the question, "Why was Mr. John Devine's skull cracked?" Business done.—Debate on Address.

Tuesdov.—Always believed that, before the world was much

By-and-by befel to-night. Effect volcanie. Came about this way. In Commons a Member may, and often does, explain a Bill on moving for leave to introduce it, a stage which precedes printing. The Lords invariably wait for speech till second reading stage, when the Bill is printed and circulated. That has been their habit for centuries. But Grand Caoss is above centuries. Having prepared a Bill dealing with Glebe Lands, he made a long speech to the amazed Lords. In Commons, in view of similar breach of established rule, the Speakker would have interfered, or the House would have shouted down the bold innovator. The Lords simply sat and stared frigidly at Grand Caoss, who accepted this attitude as natural and ordinary testimony to the interest of his speech. When he had finished, Granville, in his sweetest and most seductive manner, reproved the young Viscount's temerity. The Markiss came to the support of his protégé, and there was quite a little storm in the teacup.

"Of course I stood up for him," said the Markiss, talking the matter over afterwards. "I was obliged to, when Granville attacked him. But he must be looked after. He is too versatile, too emotional, too spiritus! to be left without a guiding hand." Business done.—In Commons, further debate on Address. Wednesday.—Still doddering along in speech-making on Address. No one

out a guiding hand." Business done.—In Commons, further debate on Address. Wednesday.—Still doddering along in speech-making on Address. No one pays any particular attention. Speaken takes the Chair at usual hour. Members follow each other, and, being Wednesday afternoon, when the clock points to quarter to six, the proceedings shut up like a telescope. More interest in election going on in St. George's, Hanover Square (Goschen calls Haysman, "the School-master abroad"), and in the news from Ireland. Tim Healy is coming back again, and W. O'BRIEN, "will never come back no more." He has had enough of the House of Commons. Not sure that the feeling of repletion isn't mutual. However it be, O'BRIEN turns his back on House of Commons, and we must get on as best we can. Business done.—None.

Thursday. — "Such larks!" said JOEY B., coming upon me suddenly round Lord ARTHUR HILL like a mischievous urchin darting upon an elderly gentleman round the Monument. "Such larks, Tosy! You stand by, keep your eye on me, and you'll see something."

It was a quarter-past four. Discussion on Brixton Market Bill drawing to a slow.

Brixton Market Bill drawing to a close. Presently group gathered at the Bar; prominent in the midst was GOSCHEN, supported on one side by CRAIG-SELLAR, and the other by the Member for Mid Surrey.

"Vainly trying to add a Cubitt to his political atture," said a familiar voice close by. It was TIM HEALY, come back to us after brief

but painful separation.
"So you've come back again?" I asked, perhaps unconsciously.

"Yes bringing my sheaves with me," said Tim, pointing to two other newly-elected Irish Members, round whom Josy B. was hovering like a maternal cagle.

A merry group this, in strong contrast to Gocchen, fresh from his triumph in St. George's, Hanover Square. "He looks quite ghashly—eh, don't he?" said Gent Davis, in an awed whisper. "Why, when I was returned for Ken-



to applaud."

At signal from Speaker new Member advanced, amid storm of cheers from Conservatives and hurricane of howls from Irish Members. Joseph Gillis, his face illumined with a strange weird light, yelled. "Yah! yah!" Then the scene changed. Goschew took seat on Treasury Bench, and The Healt, personally conducted by Joseph Gillis, advanced to the table amid thunderous cheers from the Irish Camp, and mocking laughter from the Conservatives. The "Sheaves" came after, amid renewed counter-demonstration, after which the House quietly set itself to putting and answering questions, as if nothing particular had happened. Business done.—More talk on the Address.

Friday.—The long course of speechmaking on the Address flashed up to-night in momentary flame. At outset Wind-Bag Sexton nearly put it out altogether. Began soon after five and talked the House empty into the dinner hour. This a little hard on Home Secretary, who followed. Though House otherwise empty, Irish Members remained, and kept up a running commentary through his speech. Getting on to midnight when Harcourt rose. Seene changed. Members, having leisurely dined, back again ready to be amused or interested. Harcourt in good form. Usual effect of irritating gentlemen opposite, who treated him semething after fashion Parnellites comport themselves during speech of Irish Secretary. Howled and jeered, and more than once maliciously broke in upon carefully constructed sentence. Harcourt had with great care prepared impromptu for peroratiom. Speaking of Conservative Policy in Ireland he was to have said—"You are going the old way. It is a road strewn with the carcasses of many defeated administrations, and my belief is that your bones, too, will whiten it." This an echo of Briohr's style. Briohr might have

spoken it, and created a profound impression. House would not have it from Hancourt. Broke in with short of would not have it from HARCOURY. Broke in with short of ribald laughter, and the earefully written-out imprompta on the notes not recited farther than the word "bones." Business done. — PARNELL'S Amendment to Address rejected by 352 votes against 246.

THE WOMAN AND THE LAW!

(A True Story told before Mr. Justice Hawkins at the recent Liverpool Assizes—vide Daily Telegraph, Feb. 8.)

the criminal dock stood a woman alone In the criminal dock stood a woman alone,

To be judged for her crime, her one fault to repair,
And the man who gave evidence sat like a stone,

With a look of contempt for the woman's despair!

For the man was a husband, who'd ruined a life,
And broken a heart he had found without flaw;

He demanded the punishment due from the wife

Who was only a Woman! whilst his was the Law!

A terrible silence then reigned in the Court A terrible silence then reigned in the Court,
And the eyes of humanity turned to the dock,
Her head was bent down, and her sobbing came short,
And the gaoler stood ready, with hand on the lock
Of the gate of despair, that would open no more
When this wreckage of beauty was hurried away!
"Let me speak," moan'd the woman, "my Lord,
implore!"
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"Yes speak" said the Judge "Lyvill hear what. "Yes, speak," said the Judge. "I will hear what you

I was only a girl when he stole me away From the home and the mother who loved me too well; But the shame, and the pain, I have borne since that day, Not a far, not a pray'r, but the sound as a not left.

There was never a promise he made but he broke;

The bruises he gave I have covered with shame;

Not a tear, not a pray'r, but he scorn'd as a joke!

He cursed at my children, and sneered at my fame!

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"The money I'd slav'd for and hoarded, he'd rob;
I have borne his reproaches when maddened with drink:
For a man there is pleasure, for woman a sob;
It is he who may slander, but she who must think!
But at last came the day when the Law gave release,
Just a moment of respite from merelless fate,
For they took him to prison, and purchased me peace,
Till I welcomed him home like a wife—at the gate!

"Was it wrong in repentance of Man to believe? It is hard to forget, it is right to forgive! But he struck me again, and he left me to grieve For the love I had lost, for the life I must live! For the love I had loss, for the life I must be So I silently stole from the depths of despair And slunk from dark destiny's chastening rod, And I crept to the light, and the life, and the air, From the town of the man, to the country of God!

"Twas in solitude then that there came, to my soul, The halo of comfort that sympathy casts—
He was strong, he was brave, and, though centuries roll,
I shall love that one man whilst eternity lasts!
Oh, my Lord, I was weak, I was wrong, I was poor!
I had suffered so much, through my journey of life.
Hear! the worst of the crime that is laid at my door—
I said I was widow, when really a wife!

"Here I stand to be judg'd, in the sight of the man
Who from purity took a frail woman away.
Let him look in my face, if he dare, if he can!
Let him stand up on oath, to deny what I say!
'Tis a story that many a wife can repeat,
From the day that the old curse of Eden began;
In the dread name of Justice, look down from your seat,
Come! sentence the Woman, and shelter the Man!"



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